

Word Origins

Many English words come from other languages. Suggest that your child find out more about the etymologies, or histories, of the spelling words by looking them up in a dictionary. Help your child see the similarities between the original words and the derived forms. Note that to find the etymologies of words with prefixes and suffixes, you will have to look up the base words.

Greek Roots

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| 1. <i>autobiographer</i> | 1. biography |
| 2. <i>speedometer</i> | 2. perimeter |
| 3. <i>thermometer</i> | 3. homograph |
| 4. <i>photography</i> | 4. telecast |
| 5. <i>oceanographer</i> | 5. kilowatt |
| 6. <i>biographer</i> | 6. autobiographical |
| 7. <i>paragraph</i> | 7. telephone |
| 8. <i>geographer</i> | 8. diagram |
| 9. <i>thermostat</i> | 9. topography |
| 10. <i>geography</i> | 10. physiology |
| 11. <i>diameter</i> | 11. atom |
| 12. <i>thermal</i> | 12. nucleus |
| 13. <i>autograph</i> | 13. electron |
| 14. <i>graphic</i> | 14. proton |
| 15. <i>barometer</i> | 15. neutron |
| 16. <i>geology</i> | 16. cirrus |
| 17. <i>biology</i> | 17. nimbostratus |
| 18. <i>geologist</i> | 18. stratus |
| 19. <i>telegraph</i> | 19. cumulonimbus |
| 20. <i>geometry</i> | 20. cumulus |